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The soccer team was a relentless union of speed and agility in their season. Extreme amounts of skills displayed as they opened with a win of 3-2 after dominating the Itawamba Indians. After a 2-1 loss to the Indians in their prior post-season, the Bears were invigorated after their successful victory. "It was a gutsy, hard fought team win every way you look at it," Head Coach Alex Brown stated.

Their second game against the Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers resulted in a 4-0 win for Southwest, and their good luck carried over into a seven-game winning streak. With only minimal losses, the Bears ended with a record-breaking season of thirteen wins, four losses, and one tie. The success of the season led the Bears to compete against the LSU-Eunice Bengals in the NJCAA Region 23 playoff game.

"I can't properly articulate how much these boys mean to me. In the short time I've been with them, I've grown to love them so much," Coach Brown said after the end of the season. "We made history this season, so we're very proud of that..." Brown continued to say, "We have a lot to build on from this season and I'm eager to see what the future holds for Southwest men's soccer." After a successful season, three members of the team were chosen to participate in the MACJC All-Star game. Defender Nate Bond, Forward Jarrett Green, and Mid-fielder P. J. Irwin were selected as All-Stars to participate in the 2018 All-Star contest.

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opposite page: Felipe Madero kicks to score a goal for the win.



above: Hugo Gonzalez, Felipe Madero, Marcelo Carias, Marcus Connolly, Keven Florian, Max Higginbotham, Nick Dickinson, Nate Bond, Peter Kettle, Taylor Carnley; second row: Joaquin Bermejillo, Dalton Culpepper, Peyton Pound, P.J. Irwin, Ean Sherman, Conner Smothers, Ryan Ivey, Jarrett Green, Drew Taylor, Aaron Stewart, Patrick Larsen, and Michael Martin